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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Kenneth K. Smith	§	Art Unit:	2133
Serial No.:	09/931,776	§		
Filed:	August 16, 2001	§	Examiner:	Guy J. Lamarre
Title:	DYNAMIC	§		
	VARIABLE-LENGTH	§	Docket No.	10010736-1
	ERROR CORRECTION	§		(HPC.0164US )
	CODE	§		

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Notice of Appeal and Petition for One-Month Extension of Time for the above-referenced application.

Because a Reply After Final was submitted by the two-month deadline of August 30, 2004, the period for reply to the final Office Action dated June 29, 2004 expired upon the mailing of the advisory action, which occurred on October 29, 2004. *See* M.P.E.P. § 714.13. Therefore, a petition for a one-month extension of time is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 (10010736-1).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Nov, 16, 2004

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Title: Dynamic Variable-Length Error Correction Code

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE  
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated, 06-29-2004, rejecting the following claims 1-11, 13, 14 and 16-29.  
The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$340.00.

**(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)**

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

(X) (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

(X) one month	\$110.00	
( ) two months	\$430.00	11/22/2004 AWONDAF1 00000085 082025 09931776
( ) three months	\$980.00	01 FC:1401 340.00 DA
( ) four months	\$1530.00	02 FC:1251 110.00 DA

( ) The extension fee has already been filed in this application.

( ) (b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Please charge to Deposit Account **08-2025** the sum of \$450.00. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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